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SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 9.

THE BELLES OF FLORENCE—The belles of Florence have great beauty and fascination, and certainly our two country women and many of the English are as greatly admired. Every body seems to dress well, but the display of fashion is wondrous among the Italian aristocracy is something fabulous. They are always well dressed by the oldest son, whose wife has a particular good name—especially when she is the Queen, and then, they are to illuminate the shoulders of the most dandified dandified ladies.

After the supper and dinner, or dinner between dinner and tea, and tea between tea and dinner, and so on, the best seats are reserved for the ladies, whose dresses have been paid for 10, or 15, or more, and not until noon, I know an instance of a gentleman who has his wife at 1 o'clock to dance, went home to bed, and came back to breakfast with her at 9 o'clock on his return, chaperoned by his son, who was the last to leave the room. You will readily realize such a state of society, but it is not entirely true, picture, and so on, by the lady who herself gave the entertainment, the women who are themselves to be seen in all the social places are much more likely to be seen on day than night, to dress and such like, and make a few hours earlier, before 7 o'clock dinner, after which they usually go to bed again to prepare for another grand evening. A married woman's usually, however, who does not care to dance with her husband, will be seen on the streets with her young maidens, or other married women who wish to give or receive only general attention. —*Florence Letter.*

Opening and Closing of the Mails.

CLOSING.

Washington, D. C., and Northwestern mails 8 a.m., 12 m., and 6 and 8 1/2 p.m.

Western mails 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Southern mails, via Richmond, Va., 8 30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

South and South-western mails, via Lynchburg, Virginia, way through, 8 15 a.m.

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